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1. Claims 1-25, 34 and 37-42 have been cancelled as requested in the amendment of paper #29, filed 22 March 2001. Claims 28, 30, 33, 44-47, 50, 52-53 are pending in the instant application.
2. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY from the date of this letter. Applicant should feel free to make an inquiry as to the status of the application at a later date.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine Saoud, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 305-7519. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7AM to 3PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz, can be reached on (703) 308-4623.

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technology Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1 (CM1). The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official

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June 1, 2001

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